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C O N F I D E N T I A L EC BRUSSELS 9370

MOSCOW FOR UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD EIND

SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION PROPOSAL FOR MULTILATERAL STEEL  
CONVERSATIONS

1. EC DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS EDMUND WELLEN-STEIN USED OCCASION OF LUNCH OCTOBER 17 FOR AMBASSADOR DENT TO INFORM US HE WILL PROPOSE, DURING INFORMAL DINNER FOR XCSS BUREAU OCTOBER 27, THAT MAJOR IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS OF STEEL IN OECD HOLD EARLY MEETING UNDER OECD AUSPICES TO DISCUSS WORLD STEEL TRADE PROBLEMS. HE MENTIONED THAT HE HAD RAISED THIS PROPOSAL INFORMALLY WITH ENDERS AND JAPANESE REP. MIYAZAKI LAST WEEK DURING PREPCON SESSIONS AND WAS NOW INFORMING US OF HIS INTENTION TO BRING IT UP MONDAY IN XCSS CONTEXT.

2. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE COMMISSION'S MAIN OBJECTIVE IN PROPOSING SUCH A DISCUSSION WAS TO RELIEVE MAJOR PRESSURES DEVELOPING FROM EC STEEL INDUSTRY FOR UNILATERAL IMPORT RESTRICTIONS TO COPE WITH SERIOUS EUROPEAN STEEL CRISIS. WHILE HE WOULD NOT GO INTO DETAIL ABOUT WHAT COMMISSION  
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HOPED WOULD COME OUT OF SUCH DISCUSSION, HE SAID COMMISSION

WANTED TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR "GENTELMEN'S AGREEMENT" THAT WOULD STABILIZE LEVELS OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS AT LEAST UNTIL GLOBAL RECOVERY FROM RECESSION BEGAN TO TAKE HOLD. SUCH ARRANGEMENT MIGHT SERVE TO HEAD OFF TENDENCIES TOWARD FORMAL IMPORT RESTRICTIONS AND EFFORTS BY CERTAIN EXPORTERS LIKE JAPANESE OR SPANISH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PURELY BILATERAL VOLUNTARY ARRANGEMENTS TO WHICH THEY ARE NOT PARTIES.

3. WELLENSTEIN EMPHASIZED THAT COMMISSION'S INTENTION TO MAKE THIS PROPOSAL HAD NOT YET BEEN MADE KNOWN TO MEMBER STATES AND ASKED THAT WE NOT DISCUSS IT WITH EC COUNTRIES UNTIL THAT PROCESS HAD BEEN COMPLETED, WHICH HE EXPECTED TO OCCUR PRIOR TO MONDAY EVENING MEETING.GREENWALD

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